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Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW.,
Washington, DC 20554

Re: ET Docket No. 05-345 Request for Waiver to Permit the Use of Certified Wireless
Headsets and Intercom Devices at Nuclear Facilities

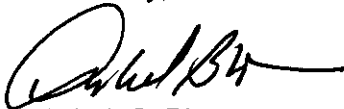
Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of the Tennessee Valley Authority, I urge you to approve the pending request by the Nuclear Energy Institute and the United Telecom Council that a waiver be granted to enable the nuclear industry to continue to use certain Telex intercom and headset equipment.

Although TVA's use of this equipment is limited to its three nuclear power plants, the headsets are extremely important in the safety benefits they provide in the nuclear context. In particular, communicating through use of the devices allows TVA to limit worker exposure to radiation and enhance other aspects of safe plant operation, including fuel handling and crane operation. The nuclear plants at which TVA makes use of the headsets are all at fairly remote locations in the Tennessee Valley and are themselves situated on large campuses, making any interference with other communications extremely unlikely if not impossible. By granting the waiver request, you would be allowing this limited, yet crucial, use to continue.

If we can be of further assistance, please contact Nichols M. Moon at (423) 751-2123.

Sincerely,



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